

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A further object of the present invention is to provide such a device configuring system capable of editing configuring operations of the respective devices in a comprehensive manner, since the configuring operations of the respective devices can be edited in an information processing apparatus, and also capable of reflecting an edited result ~~also~~ to other devices.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 13 - page 16, line 24, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The storage unit 25 stores thereinto such a software used to control either the RAM 22 or the image forming unit 28. When an image forming operation is carried out, the image forming process operation is carried out in accordance with the control program 25P related to the software stored in this storage unit 25. Also, configuration information file 251 is stored in the storage unit 25, and this configuration information file 251 is used to store thereinto configuration information of the printer 2 such as a paper supply port, a paper eject port, and an emulation. While an operator views the display unit 24 such as a liquid crystal display, the operator can edit the configuration information from an input unit 23 such as an operation panel. Also, the operator can similarly download configuration information of another printer 2 from the computer 1. Furthermore, the operator can also edit the configuration information from the input unit 13 of the computer 1. In a case where an image forming operation is carried out, the CPU 21 of the printer 2 reads out configuration information which has been stored in the configuration information file 251, and then, performs the image forming operation in accordance with this configuration information. A model information file 252 is further stored in the storage unit 25, while model information of

the printer 2 has been stored in the model information file 252, and the model information corresponds to a vender name, an model name, a version, a serial number, and the like. The model information is written into the storage unit 25 when the product is manufactured. In the first embodiment, both the communication unit 16 of the computer 1 and the communication unit 26 of the printer 2 employ LAN cards, while MAC addresses specific to the ~~respect~~ respective LAN cards are applied. Both the computer 1 and the printer 2 acquire (recognize) the respective MAC addresses, and mutually recognize either the computer 1 or the printer 2, which are connected thereto.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 5 is an explanatory diagram for explaining a data structure of data which is transmitted from the printer 2 to the computer 1. The data to be transmitted is classified into a MAC address (identification information), model information, and configuration information, which are employed so as to specify the printer 2. The model information contains such a model information indicative of an model name and version information. In this embodiment, in the case that a subject corresponds to the printer 2A-~~(A24)~~ (A11), the model name is "A", and the version is "1." It should also be noted that the MAC address of the computer 1 is also added as the information of the transmission source. Further, symbol "EOF" indicates such information indicative of an end of the data which is transmitted.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 28, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figs. 10 and 11 are flow charts for explaining a sequential operation as to an editing process operation. First, the CPU 11 executes the control program 15P so as to initiate an editing menu (step S101). After the editing menu is initiated, the editing menu is displayed on the display unit 14-~~(step S103)~~ (step S102). In a case where the operator enters both an

model name and a version from the input unit 13 (step S103), which correspond to the model information, the CPU 11 retrieves the configuration information storage file 151 in accordance with the model information related to the entered model name and the entered version, and reads out configuration information from this configuration information storage file 151 to display this read configuration information on the display unit 14 (step 104).